

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 887

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the Harrogate Garden Club on their award-winning community garden.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize those worthy organizations that come together to make their communities better places in which to live and work; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the Harrogate Garden Club, which has curated and nurtured an exceptional and award-winning community garden; and

WHEREAS, the Harrogate Garden Club was founded in 1993, shortly after the City of Harrogate incorporated; it is a nonprofit organization that seeks to educate the community about its natural resources and supports beautification projects within the City of Harrogate; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the members of the Harrogate Garden Club planned an organic garden on a plot of land made available to the club by the City of Harrogate; in early spring, they planted vegetables and herbs, as well as flowers that would attract pollinators; and

WHEREAS, throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons of 2020, club members Sue Granger, Barb McCune, Tiffany Sanchez, Sandy Stapleton, Zella Teague, Celia Hall, Casey Cosgriff, and Beth Vogel worked to maintain the garden using USDA-approved organic fertilizers and methods of insect control; their harvest in September 2020 included sixteen pounds of corn, 138 pounds of tomatoes, twenty-four pounds of cucumbers, eight pounds of dried tick beans, seventy pounds of summer squash, ninety-nine pounds of green beans, thirty-one pounds of okra, twenty-three pounds of peppers, three pounds of onions, four pounds of lettuce and kale, five pounds of sunflower seeds, eight pounds of winter squash, and two pounds of herbs; and

WHEREAS, the fruits of their harvest were distributed among friends and family members of the club as well as any community member who expressed a need; and

WHEREAS, for their hard work and dedication to creating a beautiful community garden, the Harrogate Garden Club was awarded the 2020 Community Beautification Award by the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., in May 2021, as well as an award from the National Garden Club, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Harrogate Garden Club strive to make Harrogate a more beautiful, inviting community, and their recent recognition is most befitting their hard work, dedication, and skill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate the members of the Harrogate Garden Club upon their statewide and national recognition, extending our best wishes for the club's continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.